
DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2022 No.

The Environmental Targets (Water) (England) Regulations 2022

PART 3

Waste Water Target

Application of this Part

9.—(1) This Part applies to relevant discharges into freshwaters in England from sewerage systems of sewerage undertakers whose areas are wholly or mainly in England at sewage disposal works in England.

(2) In paragraph (1), a sewerage undertaker’s area refers to the area for which it has been appointed to be a sewerage undertaker in accordance with section 6(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991(1).

Waste water target

10. The second target in respect of water is that the load of total phosphorus discharged into freshwaters from relevant discharges is, by 31st December 2038, at least 80% lower than the baseline.

Measurement of the waste water target

11. The load of total phosphorus discharged into freshwaters from relevant discharges which is to be compared with the baseline to determine whether the target in regulation 10 is met by 31st December 2038 is to be measured by determining the load of total phosphorus so discharged in the year from 1st January 2038 to 31st December 2038.

Reporting date

12. For the purposes of section 6(1) of the 2021 Act, the reporting date for the target set in regulation 10 is 1st February 2040.

Interpretation of Part 3

13.—(1) In this Part—

“the baseline” means the load of total phosphorus discharged into freshwaters from relevant discharges in the year from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020;

“relevant discharges” means discharges of treated waste water from the sewerage systems of sewerage undertakers at sewage disposal works.

(2) References in this Part to the sewerage systems of sewerage undertakers are to be construed in accordance with section 17BA(7) (sewerage licences) of the Water Industry Act 1991(2).

(1) 1991 c. 56.

(2) Section 17BA was inserted by section 4(1) of the Water Act 2014 (c. 21).

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